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### **REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of April 21, 2006 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested.

### **AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 15 of this paper, and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended and new drawing figures is attached following page 19 of this paper.